**Ubuntu Linux: User Passwords**

Students, faculty and staff can change user passwords in Ubuntu Linux.

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### Info

All Linux systems have a “root” user account similar to the Windows Administrator account. Certain system-sensitive commands can only be performed as root, regardless of a user’s privileges.

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**Changing an your Password Through the Terminal**

1. From the Desktop Search, type “terminal” and select the appropriate item.
2. Ensure that the correct account name is showing.
3. Type, **`passwd`** and press **Enter**.
4. Type the current user password.
5. Type the new user password (system will not accept a blank or empty password).
6. Retype the new password a second time. You should receive the message that the password has successfully been updated.

**Changing your Password Through the Ubuntu Menu**

1. Click on the gear icon in the top-right of desktop and select **System Settings**.
2. Select **User Accounts**.
3. If more than one user account is present, select the account that you want to change the password for, then press **Password field** on the right column.
4. Enter the current user password, then type a new password. The system will not accept a blank or empty password.
5. Retype the new password a second time, then press the **Change** button.

**Changing any Users Password Through the Terminal**

1. From the Desktop Search, type “terminal” and select the appropriate item.
2. At the command prompt
   
   a. Type, **`sudo passwd user name`** and press **Enter**.
3. Type the **root** user password.
4. Type the new user password (system will not accept a blank or empty password).
5. Retype the new password a second time. You should receive the message that the password has successfully been updated.

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